

A young girl and a young boy are laughing joyfully in a snowy environment. The girl is wearing a pink and yellow striped winter jacket and a pink hat with a pom-pom. The boy is wearing a blue fuzzy hat and a rainbow-striped winter jacket. They are both looking towards the camera with wide, happy smiles. The background is a soft-focus snow-covered landscape.

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# Moosomin's Nutrien Sportsplex an award-winning facility

Moosomin's Nutrien Sportsplex is a unique venue that has been recognized with awards by both the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association.

"I'm thrilled, because it was a unique undertaking, and now that it has been recognized by both SUMA and the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association, it shows that it was a good decision," says Moosomin Recreation Director Mike Schwean.

The Sportsplex had its start when the town had the bowling alley turned over to it, and a community needs assessment was completed seven years ago. The needs assessment identified the need for a dedicated park space for community events, the need for non-traditional recreation opportunities, the need for winter leisure opportunities and the need for more diversified recreation opportunities.

Schwean says the facility—with everything from bowling alleys and billiards to walking track and sports simulators—was meant to serve all ages.

"When we were planning it, we wanted to be able to offer programming for adults and seniors and kids. One of the biggest successes of the entire project has been offering programming to seniors. In the past we just didn't have winter programming for that demographic.

"When I look at it now, it's better than what I had envisioned. We were looking for diversity and to accommodate everyone, and I think between exercise classes and the walking groups, and the simulators, and the parties,

and the health region using it, we're working with all different demographics. With all the parties, we're bringing a lot of people to the community."

He said there are positive comments from people from out of town. "People are really shocked with it," he said. "When people see it for the first time they are shocked. When we have our Christmas parties now, we have a lot of people coming from out of town, from places like Virden, and people are just amazed at what we have there."

He said the proximity to the MCC Centre and the Communiplex helps as well. "It's so nice the way it works with the rink next door," he said.

"So many people pop by just to see it. And for the people in town who use it, it's great. There are so many people who use it, from walkers to golfers, and they all love it. We hear so many positive comments. It's provided exactly what we wanted it to. It's provided an opportunity to stay active in the winter for people who didn't have an opportunity for that before.

"We have had cities call us for blueprints and to find out how it works—not towns but cities."

The cost of the facility was estimated at around \$1.5 million, of which \$1.3 million would come from corporate donors. The Sportsplex now includes the pre-existing bowling alley, billiards, four sports simulators, an indoor walking track, two indoor pickleball courts, large raised decking, a large outdoor stage, ground level rubber decking, a flag garden, and a park area.

The main part of the facility was

completed in 2016, and that year the facility was named the winner of the Cecil Nobes Facility Award of Excellence from the Saskatchewan Parks and Recreation Association.

The Sportsplex has golf leagues going in the winter, there are pickleball courts, and a large number of walkers make use of the walking track, which the recreation department has tried to make more interesting by starting challenges, where walkers walk across the province or the country, reaching certain milestones after a certain number of laps. Outdoors, at the Tim Hortons Outdoor Eventplex, the deck and stage are used for special events in the summer. A flag garden and campground were developed this summer, and Kim Setrum sponsored a mini-golf course that was added last summer.

Mayor Larry Tomlinson said he is proud that the town was selected for the SUMA award. "It's pretty awesome that we won. It's awesome for the town. Mike put a lot of work into getting that facility built and it's something for everyone in the community," he said.

"It's got the simulators with all the sports inside, it's got the Tim Hortons Park outside for the summer. It's just a really good facility."

Tomlinson said he thinks the facility has been a great addition to the community. "It's great for the town to have the Sportsplex—a lot of people in town make use of it, and people from out of town are coming to parties and events there," he said. "I'm very proud of this award."

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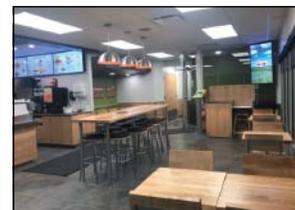
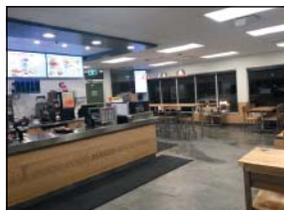


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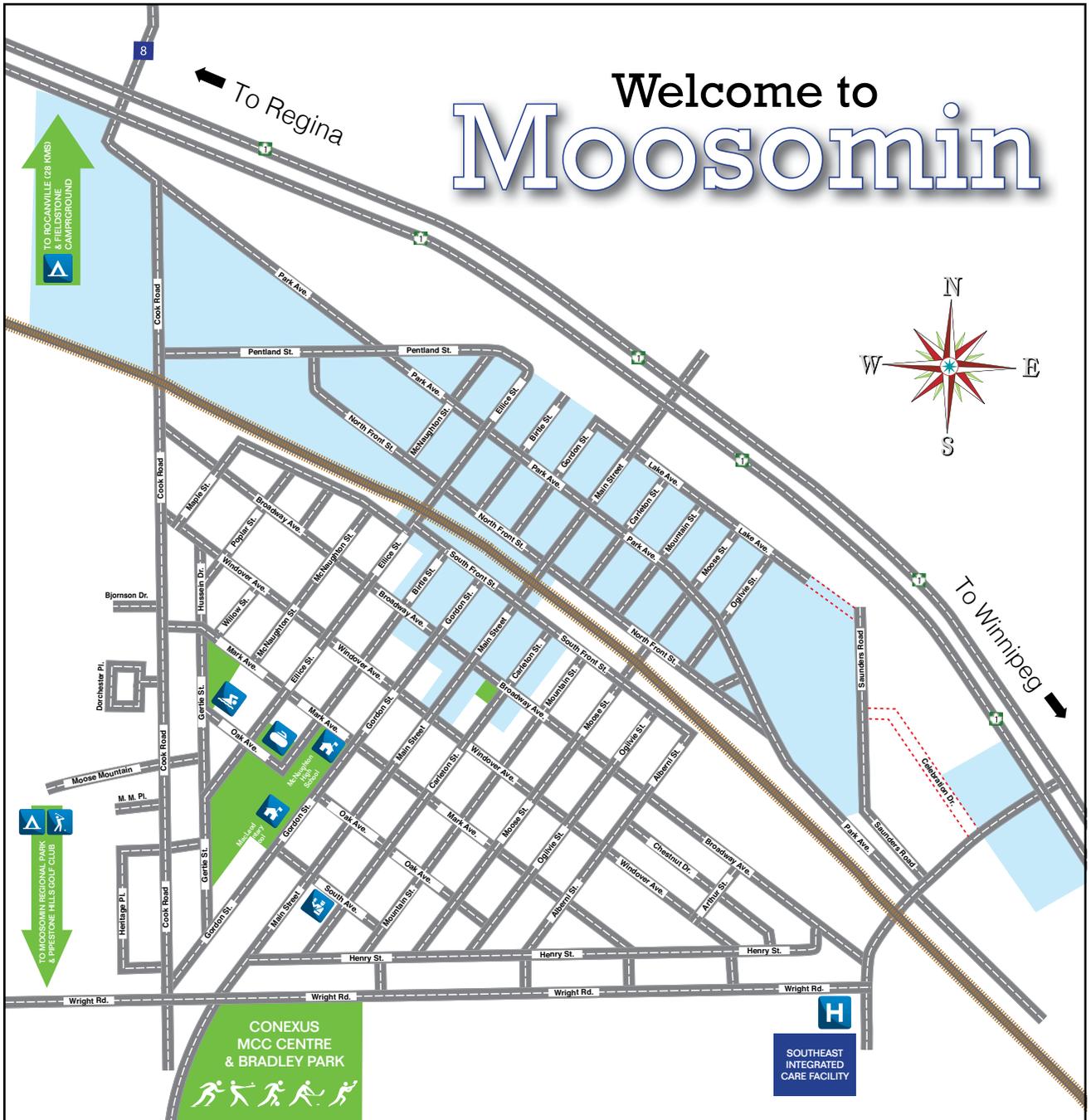
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The Moosomin Bantam Rangers playing during a tournament at the Communiplex in November.

# Minor Hockey season is here!

Local rinks will be packed once again this winter as kids and parents and spectators gather for minor hockey games and minor hockey tournaments around the region.

It's going to be another busy minor hockey season in Moosomin. Last season, Moosomin's Minor Hockey teams brought home two A Side Banners and one B side Banner.

Once again, the Moosomin program numbers are very strong with over 180 registrations and one of the biggest seasons yet! The S squirt, Novice and Atom divisions will have three teams each, including the Atom AA Ice Badgers who are back for the 2019/2020 season. It's certainly shaping up to be an exceptional winter of hockey for the community to enjoy.

The schedule for games and other information can be found on Moosomin Minor Hockey's new website at [www.moosominminorhockey.com](http://www.moosominminorhockey.com) to keep up to date on all your favorite players. The Moosomin Minor Hockey's Facebook and Instagram are also frequently updated with the latest FYI's, clinics, photos and more.

The Minor Hockey Season Pass will be available

again this season, allowing spectators to enjoy unlimited Minor Hockey league games for the 2019-20 season. These young athletes thrive off your encouragement and love to see fan support, so please come on down to the Communiplex and cheer these talented kids on!

MMHA will once again be holding our annual fundraiser raffle for Moosomin Bucks and Gift Cards from participating local businesses. Purchase tickets from any local MMHA player or parent and help support the Minor Hockey program and all the amazing local businesses!

Of course Moosomin's won't be the only busy rink this winter. Other active minor hockey programs in the area include Esterhazy, Rocanville, Whitewood, Wawota, Elkhorn, Redvers, and a number of teams in Southwest Manitoba. All of these towns are icing an abundance of minor hockey teams again this year, keeping their rinks busy and buzzing over the winter months!

So head out to the rink and cheer on your local team! The kids always appreciate it, and you never know—you might be cheering on the next NHL star!

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Any snowmobile licensed in Saskatchewan also has their trail pass covered in Manitoba, and vice versa, allowing licensed snowmobilers to ride between provinces on one license.

The Tri Valley Trails are designated SSA trails, therefore trail users are required to register their snowmobile.

The club currently maintains 300 kilometres of trail in the Moosomin, Fleming, Rocanville, Welwyn, Tantallon and Spy Hill areas. There are three groomer operators who spend hours grooming the trails each winter, plus a number of volunteers who go out onto the trails at the beginning of the season to stake signs along the trails.

The trails provide a safer way to ride.

Warmup shacks are located at Moosomin, Rocanville, Welwyn, and Spy Hill, and are stocked with firewood for those wishing to take a break and build a fire. There are also signs along the trails for local businesses who support the trails system, many who provide services to snowmobilers, such as meals, repairs, and accessories.

While a membership in the Tri Valley Trails club is not required to ride the trails, buying a membership is a great way to support the trails system and the club so that the trails can continue to be marked and groomed in the future.

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From the entertainment options at the Bear Claw Casino to the trails at Moose Mountain Provincial Park, there is lots to do in the Moose Mountains in the winter.

# Lots to do in the Moose Mountains in the winter

There is a lot to do in the Moose Mountains of southeast Saskatchewan in the winter months. There are lots of outdoor winter activities at Moose Mountain Provincial Park, there are dining options ranging from the Moosehead Inn at Kenosee Lake to Growler's at the Bear Claw Casino, to The Office at nearby Carlyle, and there are snowmobile trails connecting the Moose Mountains with surrounding areas. The two biggest draws to the area in the winter would be Moose Mountain Provincial Park and the Bear Claw Casino.

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The Nutrien Rocanville Community Hall has allowed for larger scale events in Rocanville. In previous years classic Canadian rock band Trooper, country singer Aaron Pritchett, and Rocanville's own Jess Moskaluke took to the stage for the event.

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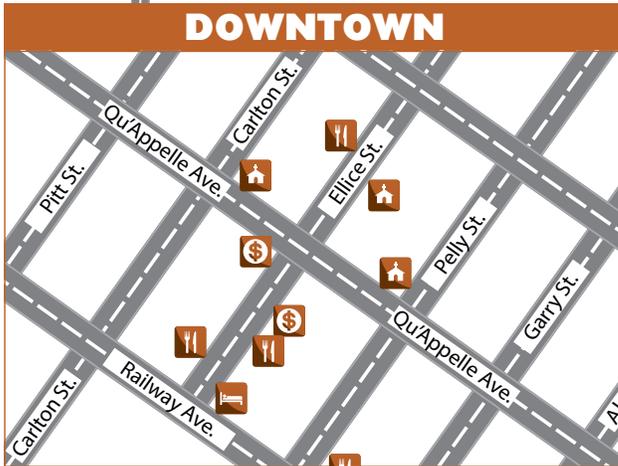
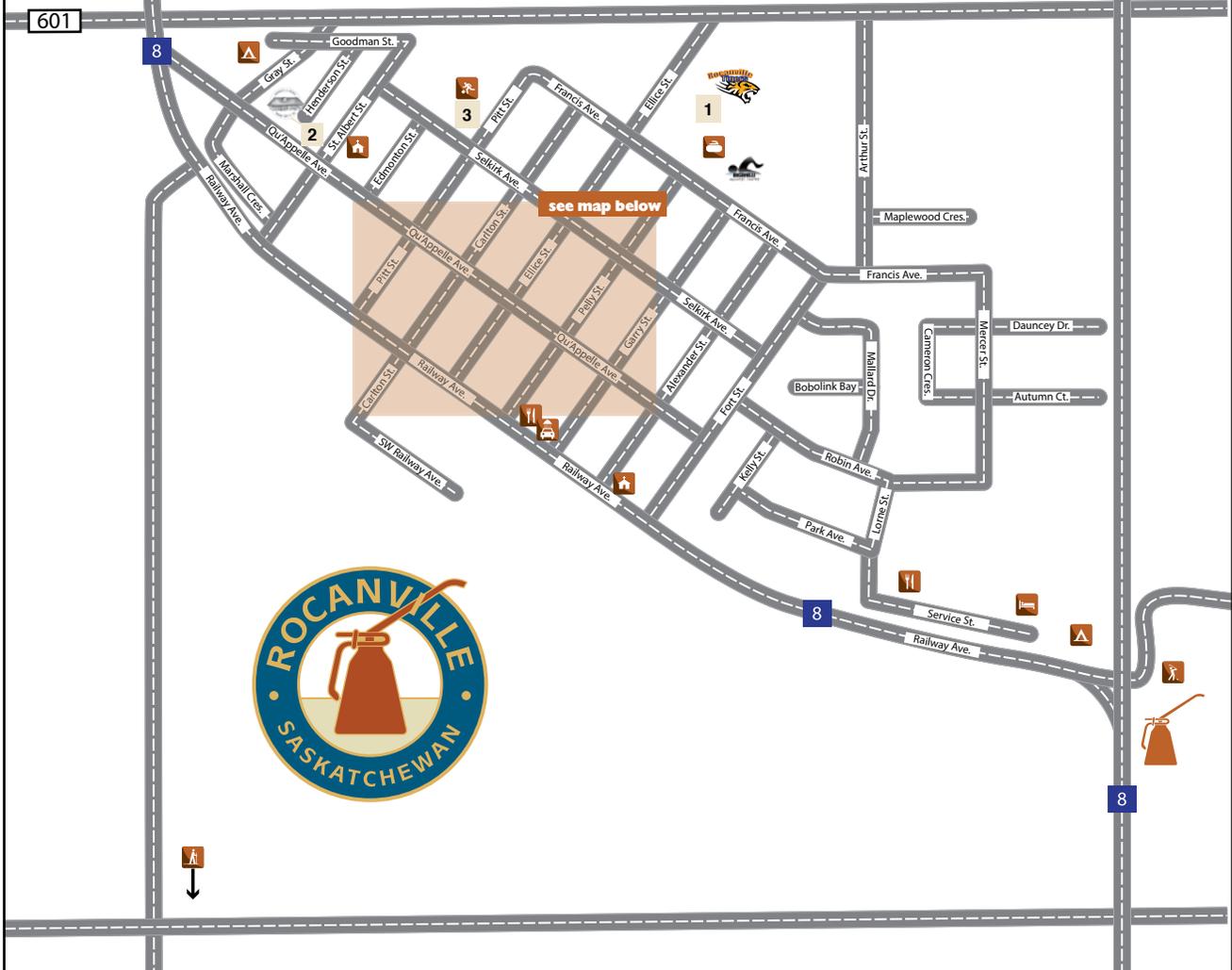
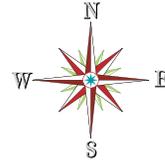
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Skiers enjoy a winter day at the Rocanville cross-country ski trails.

## Cross-country ski trails popular at Rocanville

Whether you're looking for sport, fellowship, exercise, or an opportunity to simply enjoy the outdoors during a Prairie winter day, the Rocanville Cross-Country Ski Club fits the bill.

Since 1995, when local resident Dennis Hack cleared some trails on his farm located two miles south of Rocanville, cross-country ski enthusiasts have strapped on their skis and ventured into Saskatchewan's winter landscape.

Since then, the club has developed into an organization regular members, while many more non-members also take to the nine-kilometre groomed track through the winter.

Even those without skis are included. The Rocanville Cross-Country Ski Club's clubhouse amenities provide everything you need for a day of skiing. The club has all different sizes of boots and skis for rent at low cost, and a wax station to prepare your skis for the day's travel. Payment is based on the honor system.

The clubhouse also has a wood stove for warmth, comfy chairs, and hot chocolate and marshmallows.

The club's trail system contains a variety of tracks, from flat easy-going paths to more challenging hills and coulees. The route winds through bush, providing shelter from a chilly winter breeze.



Club member Dennis Hack with the groomer.

And, because the club has a facility for all ages and skill levels, the whole family can get involved. While older children can make their first attempt at cross-country skiing, younger ones can be pulled behind an adult in a sled or toboggan.

The trails are groomed to provide for classic or skate skiing.

You can get more information from the club's executive members or by calling the Rec Office in Rocanville.



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The Moosomin Rangers, above, and Esterhazy Flyers, below, in action.

## Catch some senior hockey action!

If you love a good hockey game in front of a local crowd in a rural rink, there are a number of great teams to watch this winter in Southeast Saskatchewan and Southwest Manitoba.

For Manitoba Junior Hockey League action, head to Virden where you can watch the Virden Oil Capitals compete against other MJHL teams. The team boasts a wide fan base, and draws from a large talent pool, with hundreds of people packing the stands at Virden's beautiful new recreation centre, Tundra Oil and Gas Place.

Senior hockey is very much alive and well in rural Saskatchewan and Manitoba.

Both the Moosomin Rangers and Miniota-Elkhorn C-Hawks compete in the North Central Hockey League. The Rangers play their home games at the Communiplex in Moosomin. The C-Hawks play their games in Elkhorn and Miniota. The Virden Oil Kings are also a part of the NCHL.

To catch the C-Hawks,



Rangers, or Oil Kings at a home game in Elkhorn, Moosomin, or Virden check out the NCHL schedule online at [www.northcentralhockeyleague.ca](http://www.northcentralhockeyleague.ca).

Senior hockey action is also alive and kicking in the Triangle Hockey League where the Esterhazy Flyers will take on four other evenly-matched teams in THL action. For local game times, visit the THL's website at [www.trianglehockey.ca](http://www.trianglehockey.ca).

The Wawota Flyers and Redvers

Rockets are also back at it in the nine-team Big Six Hockey League this season, promising great senior hockey action in a league where it's anybody's game on any given night. To check out local game times go to [www.bigsixhockey.com](http://www.bigsixhockey.com).

So go ahead—bundle up, head on down to the rink, buy yourself a burger and a hot chocolate at the local concession and enjoy the game!

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**In centre from left: Moosomin Motel 6 owners Krista and Josef Tesar Senior,  
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# Curling rinks are the centre of rural communities in the winter

Curling is a staple in small towns and communities around Canada every winter, but few people give thought to how beneficial the sport is. Not only is curling fun, it's a way to keep healthy and active in the winter. It provides a great way to foster social interaction during the long, cold winter months, and it's also a great workout!

Some of the main benefits of curling are as follows:

**Aerobic fitness:** Working out in the cold can burn more calories, and since curling is played on ice and players are constantly competing and running back and forth from end to end, it will definitely increase your heart rate and improve the cardiovascular system.

**Strengthens your muscles:** Sliding on the ice and being in a constant squatting position strengthens the calves, glutes and quadriceps. You can also get a good core workout by practicing curling and sweeping vigorously ahead of the stone.

**Social interaction:** In many communities, curling clubs are among only a few recreational resources available. It becomes a place where they can talk with others, build friendships, and take leadership roles, increasing both their confidence and resiliency when coping with challenges.

**Flexibility:** The team member who delivers the stone in a curling game often stays very low to the ice before pushing the stone. Staying this low to the ice requires a great deal of flexibility.

**Precision:** Curling requires precision. It has been nicknamed as "chess on ice" for the amount of strategy involved in winning a game. This is one of the reasons it is so popular among both players and spectators.

**Stretching and toning legs:** Stretching and toning your legs is a way the players workout before playing the game. The stretching and toning not only helps with flexibility for the game but it also carries out in day-to-

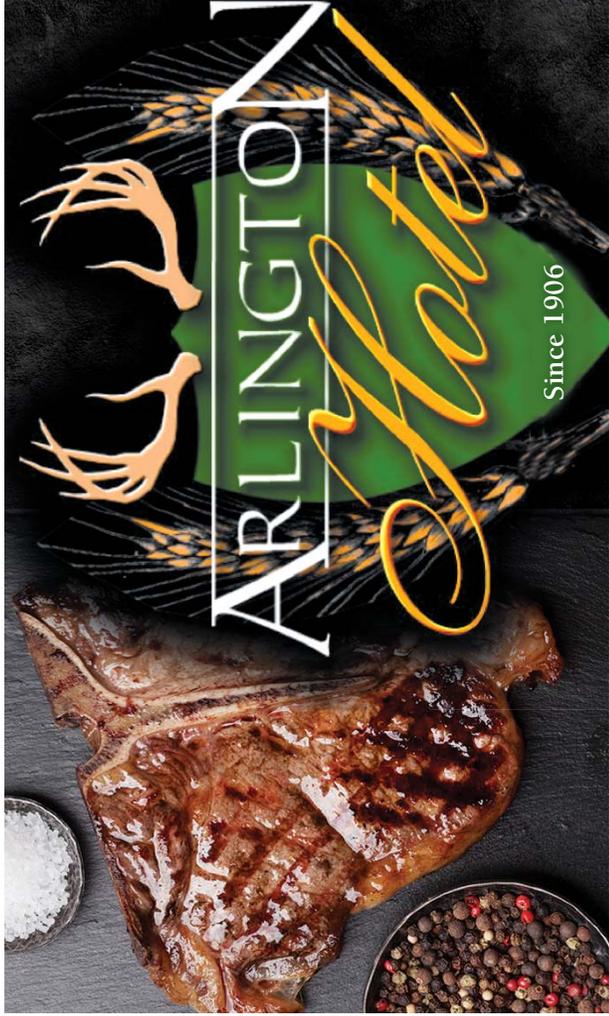
day activities.

**Promotes weight-loss:** Sliding on ice burns a lot of calories, yet because you are playing on ice, you don't perspire as much. Curling requires a lot of sliding back and forth, which burns calories.

**It can be done by anyone, including the disabled:** Curling is a sport that can be enjoyed by everyone, no matter the age or ability. In fact, the Paralympic Games feature a Wheelchair Curling event.

**Fun and interactive:** It is a sport for both men and women and is played by both adults and kids of all ages. Not only is it a great way to meet people who have the same interest in curling, but it can be a great networking medium. In addition, many people with depression turn towards curling because it's a fun and interactive sport that opens up their social realm.

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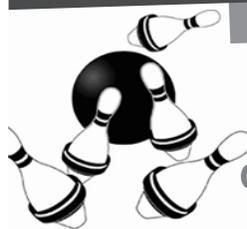
There aren't a lot of places around the region where you can go bowling, but both Esterhazy and Moosomin have bowling alleys with five-pin and traditional bowling, as well as glow bowling. Esterhazy runs both adult and youth league bowling as well as public bowling. Moosomin is in the process of getting league bowling started up this winter, and offers public bowling as well.

Right and below: Youth bowling at the Esterhazy Bowlarena.



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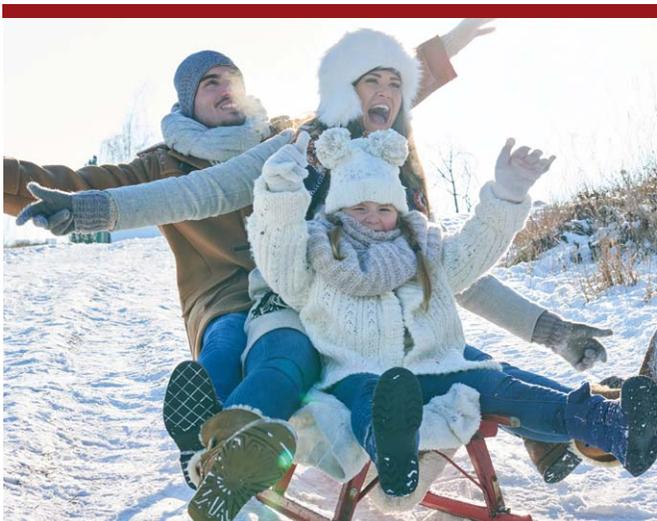
### UPCOMING EVENTS

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**December 7, 2019**

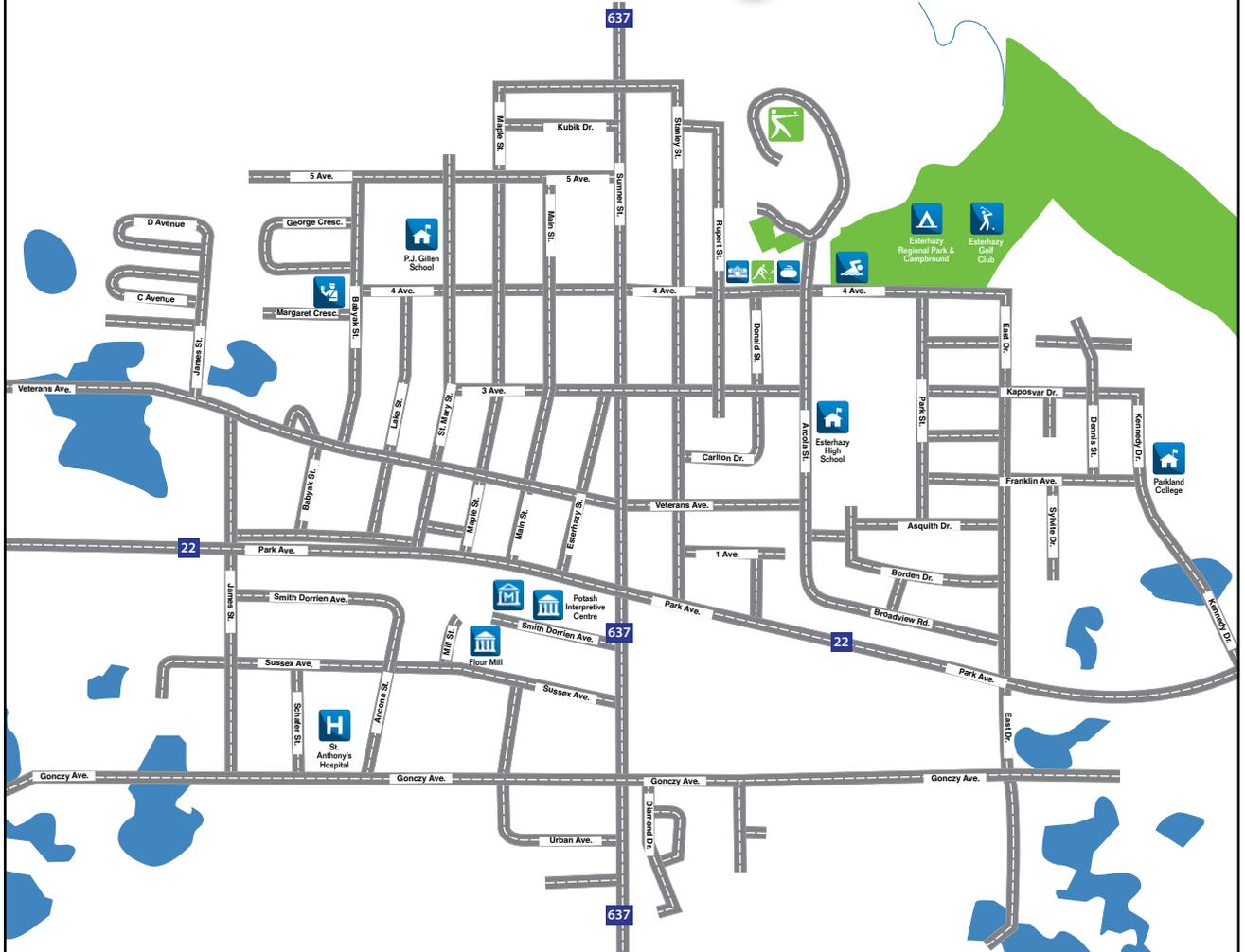
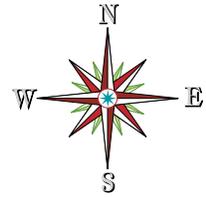
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Esterhazy is home to some excellent cross-country ski trails. These photos were taken at the Esterhazy Family Ski Day on February 18, 2019.

# Cross country skiing at Esterhazy

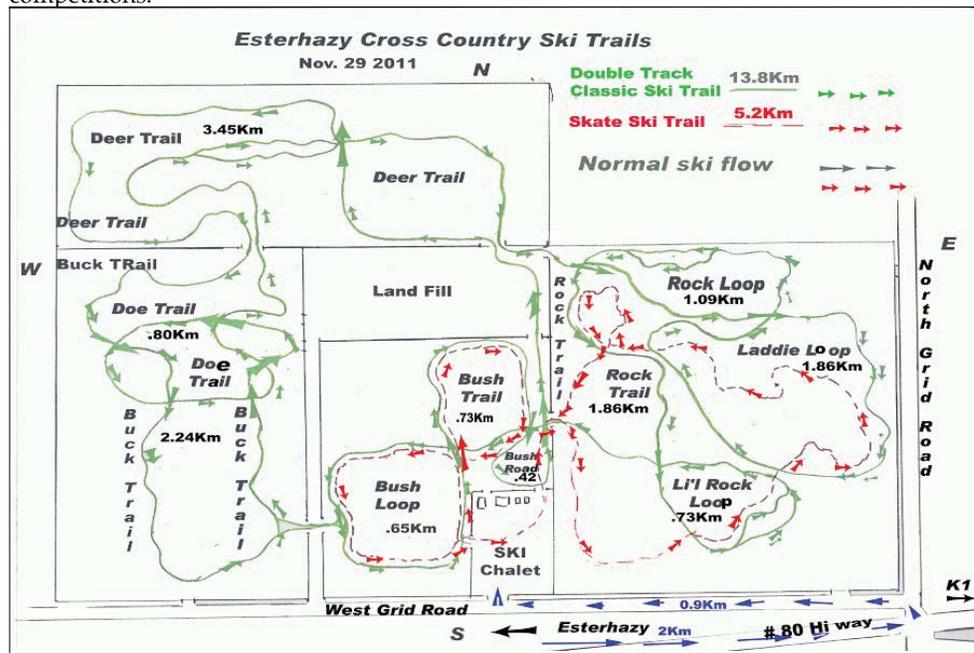
Esterhazy Cross Country Ski Club is a member of CrossCountry Canada, its division Cross Country Saskatchewan and Saskatchewan Ski Association. As such, the club's membership of over 130 skiers benefits from this association in a number of ways, some of which are liability insurance, map grants, newsletters, education and development.

The club is a volunteer-run organization and are a group who is excited to share their love of fresh air, exercise and beauty of the outdoors. Thank you to all those individuals who help clear and groom the 14 km of classic and 6 km of skate-ski trails, maintain equipment, clean and stock the ski hut, keep wood supplied for outside fires and our wood stove inside of the ski chalet, wax skis and any other jobs that are required to keep our club running.

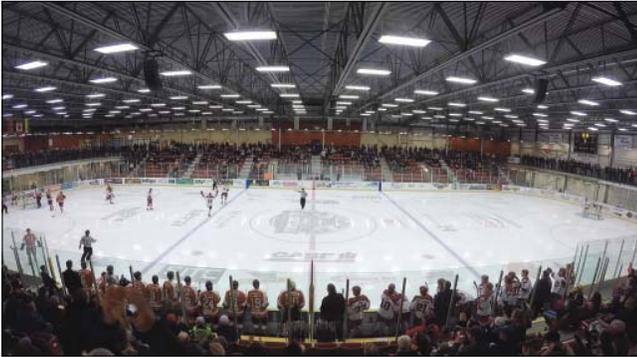
If you need to access the ski hut or need any help, the executive will gladly answer any questions, but ask that you help by keeping the area clean, helping to replenish wood supply, respecting the equipment and facilities and being responsible

for your own safety. As a member, your assistance with the many events and participation in a fundraiser would be greatly appreciated.

New members are always welcome. The club holds various events throughout the season which include moonlight skis, wax clinics, poker skis, family fun days, ski tournaments, loppets and competitions.



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Kids having fun at the outdoor rink.

Kim Poole photos

## Moosomin's outdoor rink well used

In the town of Moosomin—where indoor ice time is quickly booked up by hockey, figure skating, and other events each season—there is an outdoor rink for people to enjoy during the winter months.

Moosomin's outdoor rink was built a few years ago as an answer to the lack of time for public skating and shinny at the Communiplex, the town's indoor arena.

Since then the outdoor rink has been a busy place, used frequently for games of shinny and by children who just want to have some fun on the ice.

The outdoor rink is 160 by 170 feet and located in Bradley Park, just behind the Communiplex on the south end of town.

Conceived, built, and maintained by volunteers, the

ice is reserved for public skating and shinny, and was built with wind breaks so skaters are more comfortable on chilly days. There is also a heated building on site for skaters to change into their skates or just warm up in, and the ice is cleaned regularly by a Zamboni.

The rink is lit at night so that skating can continue into the evening.

If there is an event on at the Communiplex, adjacent to the outdoor rink, there is a concession available inside the Communiplex for snacks and drinks.

The outdoor rink in Moosomin is open to the public completely free of charge.

If you are looking for some free public skating in Moosomin, strap on your skates and join the fun!

# Dana Antal Arena centre of action

The Dana Antal Arena is the centre of winter action in Esterhazy, says Esterhazy Recreation Director Brenda Redman.

“Between public skating, Minor Hockey, the Esterhazy Flyers Senior Hockey, and Figure Skating, there’s always something going on at the rink,” she says. “It’s 90 per cent booked. We have a full slate of minor hockey teams, we have a strong figure skating club, and the Esterhazy Flyers always bring a crowd to the rink. We have strong support for our senior team.”

Public skating is a popular activity and the Esterhazy Lions Club donates to help provide public skating time at the arena.

“We try to have it Sundays for an hour, from 2-3 pm and on Tuesdays from 4-5 pm, and then whatever isn’t booked I will fill in extra public skating time and shinny,” Says Redman.

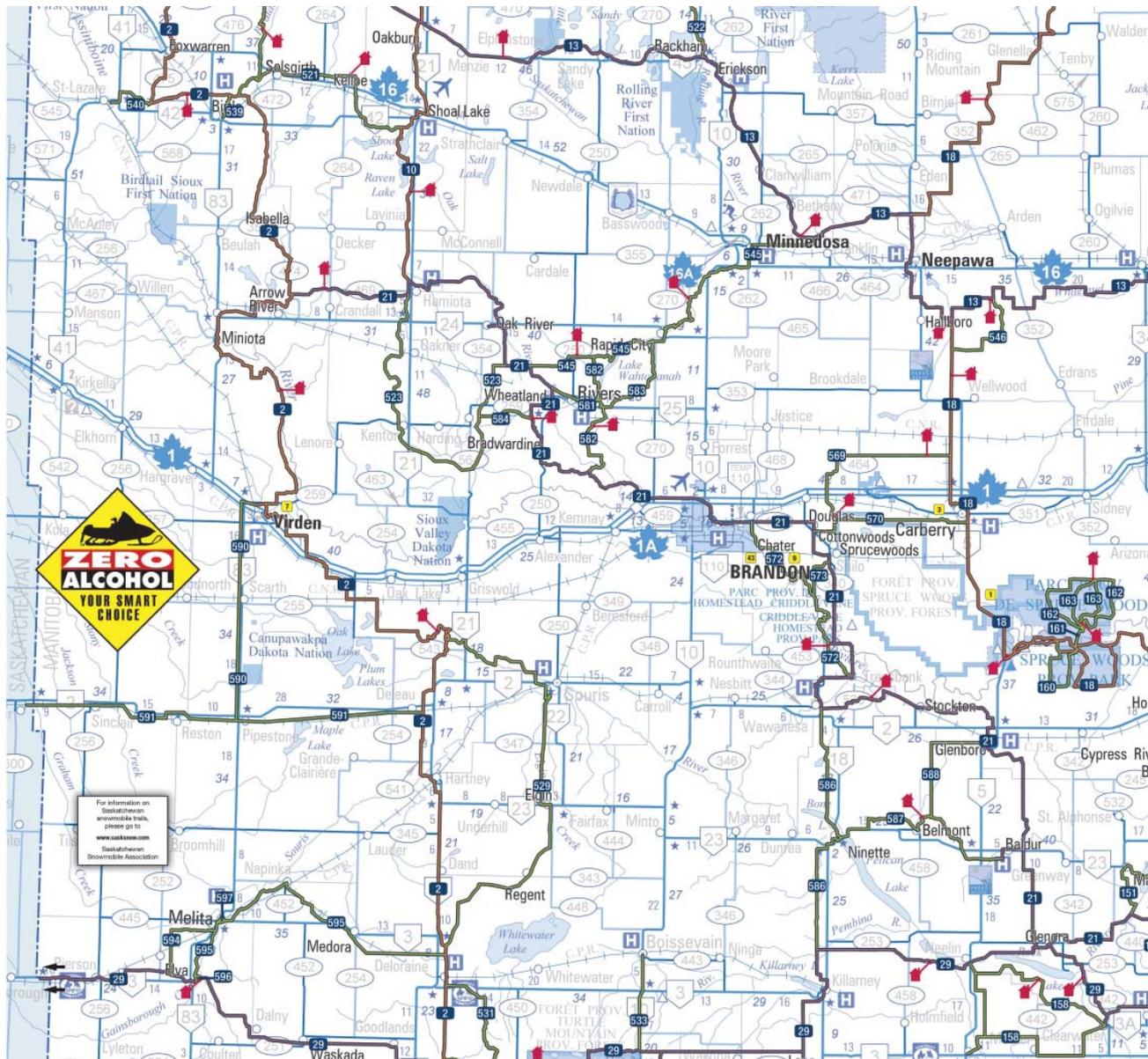
Large crowds come out to support the Esterhazy Flyers for their home games. Home games are coming up versus Hudson Bay December 14 and December 15, and versus

Ochapowace December 20.

She said the outdoor rink is also popular. It is set up near the pool.

Walk the Hall is also a popular activity at the SN Boreen Centre Monday to Friday 9 am - 2 pm unless there is an event at the facility. “We have a group of very passionate walkers,” said Redman.

Curling is also a popular winter sport in Esterhazy. “Curling is in full swing, with Men’s, Ladies’ and Mixed Curling during the week,” Redman said. “Bonspiels are planned for March.”

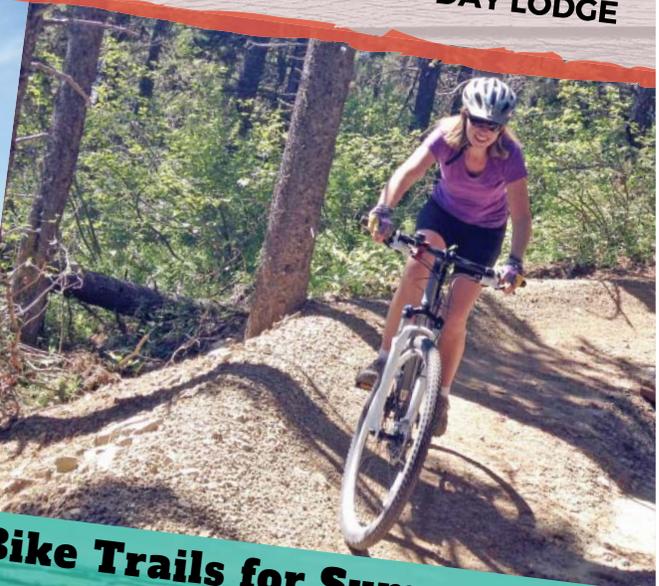


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The Powder Keg Pub has received some new décor updates but kept the panoramic windows that offer a beautiful view, perfect for watching the skiers fly down the runs, as you enjoy a cocktail and a delicious meal from the newly revamped menu!

There are a number of fireside lounges, and shop-



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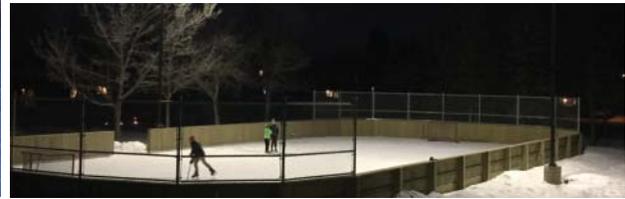
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The Derina Harvey Band performing at the MCC Centre at one of many special events.

## Conexus Convention Centre, Communiplex a hub for winter activity

Every winter, the Conexus Convention Centre and Communiplex in Moosomin are a hub of activity.

The Convention Centre was designed to be a multipurpose facility, and it has truly hit the mark. Once winter arrives the facility plays host to a ton of events, from public gym nights to gymnastics and air cadets, and many, many private bookings such as trade shows and entertainment events.

For those looking for some indoor public skating and shinny time, both are available at the Communiplex throughout the winter. Skating and shinny times can be found on the Moosomin Parks and Rec website at [www.moosomin.com/parksandrec](http://www.moosomin.com/parksandrec).

River Hockey is also available to children who want to play hockey without the pressure of league play. Kids can sign up for river hockey any time of the year, and shinny style hockey is played every weekend.

For adults wanting to indulge in a little bit of rec hockey there are options. Men's rec hockey is played each week. Times vary each week, but these programs are open to any adult.

The Communiplex is also a great place to catch a local hockey game—be it minor hockey or a game between the town's senior team, the Moosomin Rangers, and one of their opponents in the North Central Hockey League.

The Convention Centre is also well used by community groups, such as the gymnastics club, the air cadets, and renting it for birthday parties has also been a big hit.

The Convention Centre and outdoor rink are fairly recent additions to Bradley Park, and Moosomin Rec



**Above:** Ukrainian dancers at the MCC Centre.

**Right:** Gymnastics at the MCC Centre



Director Mike Schwean says everything has worked out the way the town hoped, with the entire facility humming with activity on a regular basis.

"It's exactly what we planned, it worked out perfect," he says. "It's busy all the time."

"It's not so much a revenue producer as it is payback to the community—lots of different groups have been able to use it."

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People fishing in the Lake of the Prairies Ice Fishing Derby.

# Ice fishing a popular prairie sport

Ice fishing is extremely popular in Southeast Saskatchewan and Southwest Manitoba, with many people setting up their ice shacks on frozen lakes all winter long hoping to get that perfect catch at just the right time.

Moosomin Lake is known for some great fishing, with people pulling some impressive pike and pickerel out of the lake over the years.

One of the biggest ice fishing events in the area each winter, however, is the Lake of the Prairies Ice Fishing Derby held at Assesippi Provincial Park.

This derby draws fishermen from all over the area

The next ice fishing derby is set for February 22, 2020.

Lake of the Prairies is a man-made reservoir created behind the Shellmouth Dam.

The lake experiences excellent walleye, perch, northern pike fishing and carp; this abundance of fish is all due to the superior lake management it has received since its start in 1971.

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